

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/789,535 Confirmation No. 9482  
Applicant : Roland Reinhard Rick et al.  
Filed : February 26, 2004  
Art Unit : 2611  
Examiner : Kevin Michael Burd  
Docket No. : 000259D1  
Customer No. : 23696

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated December 29, 2008 has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-20 are active and pending in this application. Further examination and reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as indicated in the pending claims.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is currently filed herewith.

**Pending Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 14.

Attorney Docket No. 000259D1  
Customer No. 23,696

### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicants currently file herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The appropriate fees under 37 CFR §1.17 are submitted herewith.